

# Crisis in Economy And the task of the people

The capitalist economy of the country is shaken at its root. It is passing from one crisis to a deeper one in the perspective of third phase of intense general crisis of world capitalism. The ever deepening crisis in the economy is finding its reflection in all spheres of life—ever-mounting tax burdens, high rate of inflation, soaring unemployment, black-marketing and corruption compounding the miseries and destitution of millions upon millions of toiling people, degeneration of ethics and basic human values. In short, a suffocating atmosphere prevails.

In such a situation the bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties, in order to give a longer lease of life to the crisis-ridden and chaos-discredited capitalist system, are trying to arrest the exploited people in petty reforms. Our party calls upon the people not to pin their hope in reformist path but in the mighty wave of mass movements that alone can protect and advance their cause. For

is revealed the enormity of the crisis in the economy. The deficit that was calculated by the previous government's Finance Minister Mr. Charan Singh to be of the order of Rs. 1,355 crores now reaches the region of the staggering figure of Rs. 2,700 crores. Charan Singh left the gap after imposing fresh burden of taxation to the tune of Rs. 665 crores, mostly on commodities that gave a

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this we seek their co-operation and active participation in mass struggles which our party is striving hard to build up.

The Indira Gandhi government has presented interim budgets—both general and for Railways. It waits for the completion of the election exercise in the Assemblies of nine states which were dissolved, before it can mount further tax burdens on the people whose back is already bent low with that burden.

In the interim budget

renewed spurt in prices. The new Finance Minister Mr. Venkata Raman gives the hint of another heavy dose of taxation to the tune of Rs. 700 crores, in the full budget that will be placed in May, this year. The railway budget also leaves a deficit of Rs. 38 crores which may also be sought to be bridged by fresh hike in freight and fares. So, the new government behind the slogan of 'revitalised 20 point programme' and economic recovery is using the same

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## Hail the Victory of Zimbabwe People !

The landslide victory of the Patriotic Front giving complete defeat to the collaborationist faction of Bishop Mujorewa in the recently held elections in Rhodesia and the attainment of national independence, brings to a successful end seven years of relentless guerilla warfare against colonial rule. Once again this demonstrates before the world that no imperialist power, no matter how oppressive, can for ever trample the genuine national aspirations of a people and cannot hold out against organised, militant liberation movement of the people. All the freedom loving people rejoice over this success of the national liberation struggle against imperialist oppression in Zimbabwe. We, too, join our voice in hailing this victory attained by the African people in Zimbabwe. Their glorious example will be a source of fresh inspiration and hope for all the people taking part in national liberation movements in

other countries, too.

Mr. Mugabe whose Patriotic Front got absolute majority in Parliament inspite of the fact that one-fifth of the seats were reserved for white settlers has in the meantime formed a coalition government with Nkomo, a former partner of the Patriotic Front and has announced his intention to take some representatives from white settlers into the cabinet. In the policy declaration issued by Mr. Mugabe, he is reported to have accepted the capitalist base existing in Rhodesia. He has said that he will bring about reforms in a gradual way. He has stressed the need for moderate land reforms. He has said that the underutilised land or the land owned by absentee landlords will be taken away for distribution among the landless Africans. But at the same time he assured that due compensation will be paid. Regarding foreign policy

Zimbabwe intends to join the Common Wealth and follow a non-aligned course. Mr. Mugabe has already expressed his desire to keep good relations with South Africa. At the same time his government has pledged to continue the alliance with liberation movements in South Africa and Namibia.

Notwithstanding the great victory achieved by the African people in Rhodesia against colonial oppression they must remember that this is but the first phase in their struggle for emancipation from all oppression and exploitation. So long the capitalist system exists, their longing for true freedom will remain unfulfilled. It is only by smashing the capitalist state machinery and the capitalist production relation and capitalist motive force of production and replacing these by a socialist system that the people in Zimbabwe will achieve complete emancipation

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32nd ANNIVERSARY OF SUCI



Main Speaker : COMRADE NIHAR MUKHERJEE  
President : COMRADE SHANKAR SINGH

SAHEED MINAR MAIDAN 5 P.M.

## Surplus in a capitalist economy does not necessarily indicate soundness and strength but its sickness and decay

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methods of fleecing the toiling people which has been the story for the last three decades.

The pattern of spending of this huge resources extorted from the famished people is the same. Two items—subsidies and defence take the even-bigger slice of the cake of government revenues. The former goes to the new height of Rs. 1,450 crores.

As for defence expenditure, Rs. 3300 crores has been estimated "at this stage" meaning clearly that it will not be restricted there but a further increase is almost a certainty. It is worth while to remember that on this account, there has been a three-fold increase within the time span of ten years.

So, budgeting in capitalist economy and more so in our country is just to give governmental support through distribution of public money to different sections of the capitalists when they are all facing acute crisis of market due to ever-dwindling purchasing power of the people. It is nothing but 'artificial stimulation' of market, in the words of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh when both home and external markets are holding out no prospect of easy outlet of investing capital. The government is trying to provide 'artificial' market to the capitalist class under the slogan of 'defence oriented production', 'price support' so on and so forth. And it is here, in the sharing of spoils of public money extorted from the famished people that the bitter competition between the different capitalist groups and sections is giving rise to pulls and counter-pulls, pressure-lobbies within the bourgeois parties in the shape of political groupings and is even causing their disintegration. This is symptomatic of the deep crisis into which the

economy has fallen when capital is becoming bureaucratic or idle in the face of acute crisis of market and is in desperate search for sheltered market of the government where the government is the buyer assuring it the maximum profit from public exchequer.

The myth of development for the economic betterment of the people which includes the implementation of the so-called 'revitalised' 20 point programme of the Indira government is exploded by the fact that while there has been a marginal increase of Rs. 123 crores or 17 p.c. over the previous figure on developmental projects, the increase on non-developmental-administrative charges will be Rs. 768 crores or 6.4 p.c. It is quite obvious therefore that the nominal increase in developmental works will be more than offset by inflation in physical terms.

So as usual, it is a budget of the capitalists, for the capitalists but the burden of which will have to be borne by the exploited.

But as we have already shown that this exercise of distribution of public money to different sections of the capitalist class can hardly resolve the crisis into which it has fallen. The crisis will further deepen resulting in more and more miseries and destitution of the people.

### False Debate, False Promise

So people cannot hope to get betterment in their state of existence, cannot find solutions to their life's problems so long they are to bear the excruciating burden of an exploitative productive system which is rotting at its root and when the entire burden of its crisis is being passed on to their shoulders. Even for getting temporary reliefs to their urgent problems, they will have

to build up strong mass movements.

But in order to divert their attention the bourgeois and social-democratic parties are kicking up a false debate accusing one another of ineptitude or non-performance as if it is the reason for the dismal picture in the economy.

The whole motive of this mutual recriminations is, first, to hide the real reasons for the deep instability that grips the moribund capitalist system and point at failure or non-performance of the political opponents; secondly in accounting for the reasons for the disorder in the economy, only the symptoms or peripheral features are being brought to the fore without mentioning the real malaise; thirdly, behind the smoke-screen of mutual accusations and apportioning of blames between the parliamentary parties, facts of life are that taxes are mounting, there is further inflationary spiral in the prices of essential commodities, unemployment, destitution and miseries of the people are showing alarming rise, the transport and communication system is on the verge of collapse, corruption, black marketing, crime incidences, killing of poor people struggling in defence of their rights are reaching staggering heights.

But behind this show of fights between the bourgeois and reformist parties they have between them a basic unity. They all stand in defence of moribund capitalist system and so ask the people to seek solutions to their problems within the system and not to go beyond that. They hold out promises of reforms which can not touch even the fringe of people's basic problems but only give a longer lease of life to an outdated system that daily, hourly breeds crisis of existence for the teeming millions. So, these 'reform measure' which

Indira Gandhi jots down in her 20 point programme is the blueprint of crisis-ridden capitalism and is being followed by each and every parliamentary party notwithstanding their difference in flag and vocabularies. And it is precisely to stem the tide of revolt of the exploited. Whenever they try to stand up and challenge the very oppressive system these parties sink their differences and stand in defence of 'law and order' when exploitation is the 'law' and submission to that exploitation is the 'order' of the bourgeoisie that rules as a class over the society.

### Experience of three decades—rock bottom foundation of fascism has been laid

Sm. Gandhi has claimed that the country progressed significantly during the three decades of Congress rule through plannings and other governmental measures. In her bid to defend this claim she pointed at the huge foreign reserves and stocks of grains as evidences of the 'strength' and 'soundness' of the economy when she left and the Janata Party succeeded her government.

She may pretend to be innocent of the law of capitalism where the so-called 'surplus' does not necessarily indicate soundness and strength of the economy but just the opposite—sickness and decay of the productive system. The fundamental question is what relevance has this 'surplus' got with people's interest? Is it not a fact that the resources in the economy are created out of the toil and sufferings of the people? Why cannot the capitalist productive system utilise the foreign reserves, food stocks, resources in financial institutions, installed capacities of industries for progress of the economy?

These are the questions, the bourgeois politicians avoid. For example, the foreign exchange reserves have been built up at the cost of hundreds of crores of rupees as subsidies given to the exporters

from the central budgets, every year, out of the taxes collected from the poverty-stricken people. Not only this, it was under Sm. Gandhi's rule that the slogan of 'export oriented industries' was raised which meant that the home market or purchasing power of the people could hardly consume the goods produced by industries. Can it be called soundness of the economy by any definition?

Then again, the food grains which millions upon millions of the country's toiling peasants produce but go starved, remain surplus and are even being exported. The poverty of the masses has increased to such an extent that even the RBI, a government agency reported that intake from ration shops had gone down. The big farmers, traders in food grains fill their coffers by extracting subsidies from the government, every year, in the forms of increased issue prices for food grains, subsidised electricity and watercharges, fertilisers etc. The poor and exploited foot the bills and grains pile up in government godowns. And Sm. Gandhi claims that this is soundness of the economy!

In order that the government does not require to pay heavy charges for stocking this huge food reserves the former Governor of the RBI Mr. L. K. Jha advised the Janata government to use it to defuse the explosive situation developing in the countryside. This is the story behind the so-called 'Food for Work' programme now being lauded even by the CPI(M) led ministry in West Bengal. This is not to say that we are opposed to giving relief to the people, to the extent possible even within the system. The whole point is that the people should not be given the false impression that these petty reform measures can solve their problems. The dividing line between the reformist and revolutionary approach is that

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## “We Want to Learn English”

‘We want to learn English’—from the demonstration, the little children raised the slogan. It was a large demonstration organised by the co-ordination committee of the Students-Teachers-Guardians of Primary Schools, to protest against the decision of the ‘Left Front’ Government to remove English from the curriculum of primary education from 1981. They all gathered, several thousands in number, at the foot of the Saheed Minar Maidan on 19th March and proceeded towards the Governor’s House to give vent to their feeling against the undemocratic, nefarious conspiracy of the ‘Left Front’ Government of West Bengal to shut the door of higher education before the children of the poor and middle class families.

People of West Bengal have witnessed many demonstrations before—but never before they did encounter such a spectacle—little children, even children 6 to 7 years of age, placards in hands, parading the heart of the city with determination to resist the onslaught of the ‘Left Front’ Government against their inalienable right to enter into the

world of knowledge. The air was filled with the tender but bold voices of the future generation—‘We want to learn English’. The passersby stopped to greet the demonstrators, some even joined the demonstration to extend their solidarity.

This unprecedented procession was stopped by the police barricade at Esplanade East. A team of nine deputationists on behalf of the students, teachers and guardians under the leadership of Kartick Saha went to the Assembly House to submit a memorandum to the Chief Minister of West Bengal. The memorandum, presented to the government on behalf of the deputationists said inter alia:

“...Along with the common people we too are in the unanimity of opinions that mother tongue should be the medium of instruction at all stages on educational system and if possible at the higher stage also.... But in many countries, in the interest of development of language and culture the importance of cultivation of a second language other than the mother tongue was not ignored. From this aspect, the cultivation of English as a second language in our country is so very important and even essential....In the matter of giving a strong foundation to learning, in providing access to higher

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## West Bengal State Committee of AIDSOn Chhatra Parisad (I) Agitation

[Comrade Sanjit Biswas, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee of AIDSOn, issued the following statement pursuant to the call of Student’s strike in West Bengal by Chhatra Parisad (I) on 20th March. The statement dated 19th March was later circulated to the students throughout West Bengal in the form of leaflet in tens of thousands. Below, we reproduce, the translated version of the statement—Ed. Board, P. Era]

The recent incidents that are still continuing in Assam as a result of which many people have lost their life and evicted from their hearth and home are really shocking. Along with the sane people of our country we also express our deep apprehension and demand an immediate and rational solution to the problem. But in our considered opinion, the path of a just and rational solution to the problem calls for a deeper understanding about the roots of the problem free from bias, sense of animosity and unreasoned emotions; else instead of solving the problem, it would only be complicated further.

Everybody knows that the problem is not a new one. For a long period, it has been raising its head intermittently. When as a direct impact of the unprecedented crisis in the capitalist system, industrialisation has almost ground to a halt and

unemployment problem is becoming severe and more severe, the path of development of language and culture blocked and particularly when since the Independence, the Congress Governments in the state as also at the Centre did not take appropriate steps for the industrialisation and economic development of an under developed state like Assam have only contributed to further deepen those problems and grow a deep sense of injury and of being neglected in the minds of the Assamese people, their resentment took a wider dimension and started crystallising. But in order that this widespread resentment of the people does not find the correct course of a mighty democratic mass movement, they have all along sown the seeds of disharmony and parochialism among the different nationalities through their various steps and political behaviours. The situation demanded the unity of all the left and democratic forces to build up a strong united mass movement of the Assamese people against the capitalist system which is the root cause of all the problems in their life, for the all round growth and development of the people of the state in general as also a just solution to the particular problems of the minority communities.

But it is really deplorable that despite the earnest and repeated

attempts made by SUCI and DSO to organise the Assamese people on this correct line, other left parties and their students organisations were unresponsive and their inaction helped the reactionary forces to exploit the situation to narrow ends by diverting the attention of the people from the real problems and utilising their deep sense of resentment and grievances to the hated path of parochialism-provincialism to create a very alarming and explosive situation as at present.

Consequent to this situation, not only the life and property of the minority communities have been gravely endangered but even the just solution to the problems of the Assamese speaking people, like creation of new employment opportunities, blossoming further of their language and culture, protection of their distinct identity as a nationality has also receded to the background and the worst casualty has been the unity of the working people and the future of their democratic mass struggle.

In such a situation both the former and the present Indira government at the Centre, instead of taking appropriate steps for a speedy and effective solution to the problems, have been, rather, keeping them alive. The students and youth wings of Congress

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A portion of the Protest Demonstration of Students-Teachers-Guardians on 19th March

## Martyr's Blood will not go in vain

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stand erect with more courage and determination—thousands will come forward to fill his void, was clearly marked on the following day at his village when he was laid to rest. From the early afternoon of 25th, thousands of poor peasants, agricultural labourers and sharecroppers, men and women from even far off localities congregated at Amtalla to pay their last homage to the beloved departed leader. They waited for hours together and when his dead body arrived, like disciplined revolutionary soldiers, standing in queue, they came one by one to pay their homage. Tears rolling down their cheeks they gave Red Salute and took the pledge, "Comrade, we have neither forgotten nor shall we forget you. You will ever remain with us in our heart of hearts. We shall not rest till the task, for which you have laid down your life is fulfilled. As is taught by our beloved, departed leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh we shall constantly keep ourselves engaged in the struggle to attain communist character. We will turn our grief into revolutionary determination."

Before this when the dead body of Comrade Sujauddin Akhand was released after post mortem it was brought to Party's Central Office at Calcutta, flower bedecked and with a red banner covering his body. Party flag flew half-mast. Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary West Bengal State Committee placed wreaths and gave Red Salute to the departed Comrade. Wreaths were also placed by other members of the State Secretariat, different party units and mass organisations.

To protest against the heinous murder of Comrade Sujauddin Akhand and the 'Left Front' government's inaction, the West Bengal State Committee

organised a mass protest demonstration at Calcutta on 26th March. More than ten thousand people—peasants, workers, office employees and general members of the public from Calcutta and the nearby districts congregated at Subodh Mullick Square. A meeting was held. Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta Secretary, West Bengal State Committee presided and Comrade Pravash Ghosh, member of the West Bengal State Secretariat and Comrade Aminuddin Akhand, member of the South 24 Parganas District Committee and a renowned mass leader of the Sundarbans addressed the gathering. They narrated the heroic struggles led by our party that is going on in Canning against the vested class-jotedars-Congress(I)-CPI(M) and the administration combine and the heroic role Comrade Sujauddin was playing in building up firm organisation there. A resolution placed from the chair was unanimously accepted by the gathering, (given elsewhere).

After the meeting the demonstration started. Volunteers holding half-mast red flags were in front. Behind them the leaders of the West Bengal State Committee, leaders of South 24 Parganas District Committee, leaders of KKMf led the procession followed by the marchers. From the demonstration were raised the slogans, "We want severe punishment to the killers of Comrade Sujauddin Akhand", "Comrade Sujauddin Akhand we have not forgotten you, nor shall we ever forget you" "Long Live SUCI", "Red Salute Comrade Sujauddin Akhand" "Long Live Comrade Shibdas Ghosh".

The demonstration was stopped by the police at Esplanade East. A short meeting that was held there was addressed by Comrade Amir Ali Halder Secretary KKMf, West Bengal and Comrade

## THE RESOLUTION OF 26th MARCH

"This meeting of thousands of peasants, workers and toiling masses of Calcutta and the surrounding districts is deeply moved and shocked at the barbarous murder of Comrade Sujauddin Akhand, a renowned mass leader of the Canning Thana, the Pradhan of the Gopalpur Anchal Panchayat, a member of the South 24 Parganas District Committee of the SUCI and a valiant fighter of very many heroic battles of the poor and landless peasants of this thana, by the Jotedar-clique of Canning in direct collusion with the Congress (I) and the CPI (M), on the 24th March evening.....

Debaprosad Sarkar MLA.

West Bengal State Committee has also decided to observe 2nd April as 'Martyr's Day' through protest demonstrations in the districts, organising meetings and wearing black badge. A district protest gathering by the South 24 Parganas District Committee has been decided to be held in Canning Town on 2nd April.

Comrade Sujauddin's life laid at the altar of the revolutionary battle of the exploited against the capitalist class signifies that it is a great honour to carry the flag of revolution, and to be a true revolutionary means to prepare oneself for paying the price for revolution—the price of one's life and life's best of possessions. This is but natural because they are the creators of a new civilisation. From the blood and toil of countless revolutionaries grow the impregnable force of revolution that changes the world—from the world of exploitation to a world free from exploitation of man by man. History has charted thus, the course of transformation of the society.

**Red Salute  
Com. Sujauddin Akhand  
Long Live SUCI  
Red Salute  
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**

'This meeting observes with anguish and pain that the beastly butchering of Comrade Akhand was not an isolated event nor a single case in the Canning thana. For a long time past the Jotedars and the vested circles had been trying their utmost to destroy the movements of the poor and landless peasants, the sharecroppers and agricultural labourers organised and led by the SUCI, by creating a reign of terror, resorting to armed assaults on the SUCI leaders, workers and the supporters and all sorts of arson, loot etc. The police has all along taken the side of the Jotedars and generally refused to take any diary of this series of terrorising and criminal activities, and on the contrary, lodged concocted cases against those very persons affected and offended and arrested them at the instances of the Jotedars. The Jotedars who earlier carried on their activities under the protection of the Congress, are now given more secured shelter and backing by the CPI(M) after the Left Front government had come to power. While the 'Left Front' government boasted of its 'peaceful' rule in West Bengal, during the last few months only, four Comrades of SUCI were assassinated by the Jotedars only in the district of South 24 Parganas backed by the Congress (I) and CPI (M), hundreds of peasants were injured, more than two thousand and five hundred of our peasant workers were charged with fabricated cases, more than fifty leaders and workers were arrested in those false cases. Comrade Sujauddin Akhand who was a beloved leader of the peasant masses in Canning, was obviously a target of the vested circles for a long time....He was charged with many fabricated cases including even cases of murder. Every time he was attacked and attempts on his life was made he was protected and guarded by the poor peasants. But despite

all those atrocities when they failed to breach the movement, they, in order to break the morale of the peasant workers and the organisation of the SUCI, decided to murder the leader of the organisation and the movements in Canning, Comrade Sujauddin Akhand....

"This meeting of the toiling people cannot but feel that this brutal murder is a class revenge of the reactionary rural rich and their political representatives against the class of the poor peasants, landless labourers and the bargadars. Today not only the Indira Congress which is long known and exposed for its open loyal service to the monopoly houses as well as the rural landlords, the CPI(M) also, in order to prove itself as the best defender of capitalism, has taken to the path of brutal suppression of any legitimate democratic movement. In order to ensure "peace" to the monopolist and the rural vested class they are rabidly trying to destroy the organisation of the SUCI and its peasant wing, the KKMf, which are acting as the mainsprings of struggles of the exploited people in the villages. That is why this series of concerted attack upon the SUCI and its leaders, workers and supporters. That is why this murder of Comrade Sujauddin Akhand.

"This meeting notes with grave concern that although in the past the police authorities and the administration of local, district and State levels including the Chief Minister, who happens to be the Home Minister of the state as well, were repeatedly informed of all these incidents, but no action was taken against any culprit. They were, thereby encouraged and continue their criminal activities uninterruptedly and without any fear.

"But the Martyr's blood of Comrade Sujauddin Akhand will not be in vain. The teachings and thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an out-

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## Economic Crisis

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whereas the former confines people's mind and initiative entirely within the ambit of reforms and reformist illusion, the latter fights for reforms and uses the reforms thus gained through struggles for the revolutionary purpose of overthrowing the very system that ties the life of countless millions to petty governmental reliefs and doles. Herein lies the cardinal difference between the revolutionaries and the reformists as to the basic approach as also the purpose for which they use such reforms and reliefs. But the way they are using it is to keep a section of the vast rural population tied to half starved and half clad condition and pacified to some extent so that they may not dream of breaking the chains of capitalist slavery.

The country's economy and the people have been landed in this dismal state after three decades of plannings and economic policies pursued by the Congress Government. It is to be recalled in this connection that at the very inception of 'planning' in our country at Jawaharlal Nehru's time, no party other than our party led by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh exposed the bourgeois class design behind such exercise. It was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who showed that the whole motive behind planning etc. was "concentration of private capital, development of state capital, fusion of the two into state monopoly capitalism and reduction to the minimum of mutual competition between

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from all injustice and oppression. May their success in ousting the hated colonial rule inspire them with a fresh resolve to lead their liberation struggle to its culmination to fulfil their long cherished dream of emancipation through overthrow of capitalism and establishment of socialism.

individual capitalists through planning etc." It was therefore, not to serve people's interests but to defend "the aggregate interest of the bourgeoisie" and to "lay the rock-bottom foundation of fascism". The country's economic development through decades of planning etc. at the tremendous cost of people's sufferings and sacrifices shows not only the truth of this warning but also reveals the class positions of the parties. So, Sm. Gandhi takes pride for this kind of development. The revisionists and reformists like the CPI and CPI (M) leadership deserve also their share in this pride because they too, stood behind this kind of 'progressive' measures from Jawaharlal's time to 20-point programme of Indira Gandhi and asked the people to back up those programmes.

Today in the background of unprecedented and ever-deepening crisis of the capitalist system, its defenders from branded bourgeois parties to those claiming to be left and Marxist parties—all are busy in lulling the spirit of revolt and struggle of the exploited masses by the baits of petty reforms. Against the conspiracy of these parties Comrade Shibdas Ghosh warned, "Donning the mask of 'socialism' or sometimes even 'communism', social democratic parties come to the rescue of the bourgeoisie and other state machine by urging them to reconstruct the bourgeois democracies with deceptive slogans and so forth. Peaceful attainment of socialism through bourgeois parliament keeping intact the bourgeois state machine, aggressive nationalism, 'social peace', 'democratic socialism,' etc. thus become the claptraps of the social democratic radical bourgeois [and 'national communist'] politicians to dupe the masses."

In the concrete background of the evil designs and moves of the crisis-ridden bourgeoisie and its political spokesmen of all

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education, science, technology, philosophy, epistemology and for the development of culture and even of the mother tongue, the importance of English cannot be underestimated. This is so particularly when no other language has developed that can replace the role of English in all these spheres. That is why we demand not only the right place of mother tongue as the medium of instruction but also the cultivation and continuation of English as the second language in the very interest of education itself."

It is regrettable that though he was informed long before and though the children waited patiently under the scorching sun for a long time the Chief Minister refused to meet the

hues, the Party of the revolutionary proletariat of India—SUCI is not only striving hard to make the exploited people awakened to the looming danger of fascism but has also taken the initiative singlehandedly to organise them in legitimate democratic movements. It is telling the people to realise that when there is conspiracy against them all around by the bourgeoisie and its agents, it is only the mighty wave of mass movement that alone can defend their legitimate interests, democratic rights as also contribute to the task of developing and giving firm footing to their own instruments of struggle down to the village level. These instruments of struggle based on correct revolutionary line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution and higher proletarian culture can give birth to political power of the people that can challenge the bourgeois political power and state machine. Let them therefore inscribe in their banner, the slogan, "Down with social democratic deceptions—on to struggle" and rally round SUCI, the revolutionary party of Indian proletariat.

deputationists on the plea of being busy. When the deputationists after returning gave this news to the demonstrators, they burst out in hatred and shouted 'shame, shame' to express their resentment.

Comrade Debaprosad

## Resolution of 26th March

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standing Marxist thinker of the day and the Great Leader of the proletariat, which inspired Comrade Akhand to carry on this lifelong valiant death-defying struggle for the exploited masses against oppression and injustice, will continue to create and educate newer and newer soldiers, who will devote themselves to carry on the unfulfilled tasks of Comrade Akhand. This meeting today is therefore a meeting not to mourn his murder, it is to take the pledge anew by his name to launch still more militant, organised and determined battle against those reac-

Sarkar, leader of SUCI in the Assembly in his address before the demonstrators congratulated the organiser for this unique demonstration and urged all to come forward and organise movement to resist the heinous conspiracy of the 'Left Front' Government against the common people.

tionary forces and parties which claimed his valuable life.

'While condemning this beastly assassination of Comrade Akhand by the Congress (I)-CPI (M) backed Jotedars, this meeting places the following demands to the Government:—

1. Institute a non-official enquiry Committee to probe into the whole incident of murder of Comrade Sujauddin Akhand;
2. Take severe penal action against those found guilty;
3. Seize and forfeit the guns possessed by the Jotedars."

## On Chhatra Parishad(I) Agitation

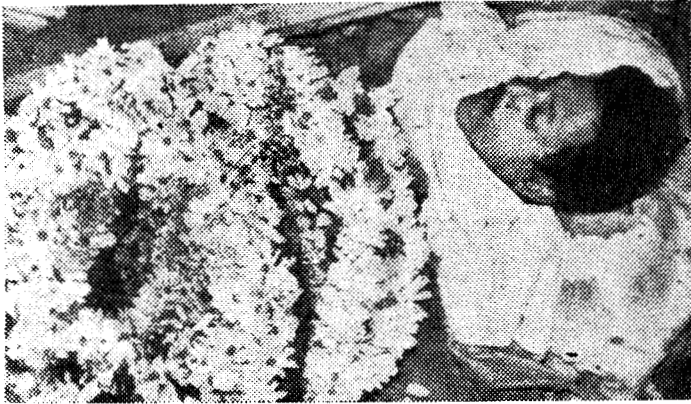
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(I) who by devious means are causing instigations to communal riots in Assam, are the same very forces who are out to exploit the agony and pain of the people in West Bengal in the petty sectarian party interest and for this have taken the programme of actions like economic blockade to Assam, disruption of transport and communication system between West Bengal and Assam, burning of Calcutta office of an Assamese daily etc. It goes without saying, let alone resolving the problems, all these actions will undoubtedly generate ill-feelings and enmity between the people of two neighbouring states. And in the ultimate analysis, this is a step towards breaking the unity of the people and thus protecting the interest of crisis-ridden capitalism.

Sad and regrettable though, nonetheless, it is a fact that the left student's organisations like SFI, instead of taking effective programme to combat the evil designs of the organisations like

Chhatra Parishad (I) and Yuva Congress (I) are playing a role that would only help the forces of provincialism and reaction to gain in strength. Placed in such an intriguing situation, a great responsibility devolves on the conscious students community of West Bengal who have a glorious tradition of fighting many heroic battles in the past.

Our appeal goes to them for making a sober and unbiased analysis of the whole situation, to preserve the unity of the people of both the states as the apple of eye and to come forward to mount an effective pressure on the central government to ensure safety and protection to the people of minority communities in Assam, for giving adequate compensations to those who have suffered loss and damage of any kind, for immediate adoption of measures ensuring development of Assamese language and culture and rapid industrialisation programme to ease to some extent the pressing problem of unemployment in the state.

## Red Salute Com. Sujauddin Akhand



## Martyr's Blood will not go in vain

Comrade Sujauddin Akhand, a loving personality, a near and dear one to the poor and a tower of confidence to the insulted and humiliated, a leader who rose from the masses through countless heroic struggles in the Canning area of the Sunderbans in West Bengal, a member of the South 24 Parganas District Committee of our Party, the Anchal Pradhan of Gopalpur under Canning P. S. was a victim to a premeditated murder on 24th March, at 5-30 p.m. on his way back home, in his own village. The murderers, the human beasts set on by the jotedars and rural vested interest and their political representatives - Congress (I) and CPI(M) pounced upon him, like blood hounds in cowardly and ghastly attacks, and satiated the spite of the jotedar class on the local leader of our revolutionary party with the ferocity and barbarity of primitive days. He was shot at from point blank range and then stabbed several times and finally his throat was slit. The end came then and there.

He was one of those few comrades who being inspired by the revolutionary thoughts and teachings as also personal guidance of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great teacher of the

proletariat engaged themselves in the struggle to become true revolutionaries and built up strong organisation of our Party in Canning area of the Sunderbans, braving all odds and attacks of the jotedars and vested class.

When during the Congress regime the jotedars and vested class with the help of police and administration evicted the bargadars from their land, turned thousands of peasant families into beggars by forcibly taking away their crops and burning their huts, tried to destroy the legitimate democratic movements of the peasants by implicating the workers and supporters of the peasants movement in false cases or even by killing them, our party workers and the poor peasants of the locality stood courageously and faced boldly all those attacks under the leadership of Comrade Sujauddin Akhand. And through all these bloody struggles grew a strong organisation of our party which became a matter of great concern for the vested class and the jotedars. That is why the stronger became the movements of toiling people in village and towns under the leadership of SUCI, the more frantic the vested class became to destroy these movements.

The situation did not

change for the better with the assumption of power by the 'Left Front' government—oppression and repression reached a new height. When the jotedars and the vested class found to their glee that the CPI(M) even though professing to defend the interest of the poor but through their concrete policies at every step was protecting in practice the interest of the monopoly capitalist class and the rural jotedars—many of them left the Congress and joined the CPI(M). And there developed in no time an unholy alliance of the jotedar—Congress (I)—CPI(M) and the anti-socials and with the help of the local police and administration they established a reign of terror in a wide area of the South 24 Parganas. And within the last few months their bullets killed, in Canning Thana area alone Comrades Yakub Molla, Noor Hussain Gaji and Kajem Ali Laskar and injured many. But yet the poor peasants' organisations and their movements were gaining strength and momentum. Comrade Sujauddin Akhand untiringly continued in the task of developing stronger movements in different localities under Canning P. S. Naturally, when they could neither break the morale nor the unity and organisation of the poor toilers they now hatched a conspiracy to kill the leading Comrades like Comrade Sujauddin Akhand. We informed

the local thana the police authorities of the district as well as state level, the administration and even the Chief Minister, Mr. Jyoti Basu about the whole situation time and again. But instead of taking adequate steps and arresting the guilty persons they allowed well known criminals to go scot free with unlicensed guns and lethal weapons and set them to the task of breaking SUCI organisation and the mass movements there. The gruesome murder of Comrade Sujauddin Akhand is just the result of that conspiracy. It is therefore not an isolated event. The murderous attack against Comrade Sujauddin is not an attack against him personally but is a part of the political conspiracy of the capitalist class and the vested interests against SUCI—the revolutionary party of the Indian proletariat. The capitalist class both in rural and urban areas see to their dismay that despite all attacks and conspiracies with the help of their political agents Congress (I), CPI(M) and others as also the police and administration, the march of this party cannot be stalled. The toiling and exploited are learning from hard experiences that it is the only party that defends their cause and upholds their banner of struggle when all others have joined the camp of reaction and the exploiters. This is the cause of exasperation of the vested class which is

finding expression in the chain of murders of our leading party comrades and organisers. This also shows the fierceness of the class battle from the fire of which, the party is being steeled and is emerging as the leader of the oppressed people of our country.

At his death the Party has lost a dedicated revolutionary and a leader. He was one of the pillars of our Party at South 24 Parganas. His demise is a great loss not only to our party but to the mass movement of our country as well. To hasten the struggle for the emancipation of the millions and millions of the toiling people of our country from capitalist rule and exploitation he has laid down his life. We firmly believe that his martyrdom will not go in vain. So to the workers of the mass movements of this area, and millions and millions of poor peasants, sharecroppers and agricultural labourers and the toiling people the name 'Comrade Sujauddin Akhand' will act as a source of inspiration and they all will come forward to engage themselves to fulfil the task he has left behind.

And that it is true, that by murdering Comrade Sujauddin Akhand the vested class will not be able to dampen the spirit of the poor toilers of the locality, on the contrary, they will

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26th March demonstration at Calcutta protesting the ghastly murder of Comrade Sujauddin Akhand.

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